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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 21 with the following paragraph (a marked-up copy of the amended paragraph is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

--Figs 5a and 5b are a flow-chart illustration a method for finding the next line point.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):